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ZERO OUTPUT GROWTH
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal sector reports zero output growth in the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to correct the situation in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a)&(b): Production of coal from April to January 2011-12 and corresponding period last year is as under:-

	2011-12 upto January, 2011	2010-11 upto January, 2012	Growth Rate
Production (In MT)	413.914	424.508	(-)2.5%

The main reasons for shortfall in coal production during the current year include abnormally excessive rain in major coalfields, imposition of Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) coupled with delay in environment & forestry clearances of major projects, R&R issues, inadequate availability of railway wagons, law & order problems in some states.

(c): The Government has taken a series of steps including expeditious Environment & Forestry clearances, pursuing with Ministry of Railways for enhancing availability of rail rakes and approaching State Government for necessary assistance in land acquisition and in problems relating to law and order. In addition, a number of steps have been taken by Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries for augmenting coal production which include (i) increasing the efficiency of the equipments, regular monitoring, mechanization as programmed and strict supervision of the existing mines and ongoing projects (ii) Capacity addition from new and future projects(iii) Consistent efforts for resolving issues of environmental & forestry clearances, land acquisition and law and order problems.